

Gromyko's
Hint On
The Bomb

New York, May 20.
Soviet Deputy Foreign Commissar Andrei Gromyko said today: "It is impossible to stop the advance of science."

"Who knows?" he said, "the time may come when the country at present occupying a more favourable position in this respect than the other nations will find itself in the same, maybe even in a less favourable position in comparison with other states in the field of development and production of certain dangerous kinds of weapons if such weapons are not prohibited."

He emphasized three points:

1—that prohibition of atomic and mass destruction weapons must be undertaken promptly by UNO action.

2—that after atomic weapons are outlawed Russia will agree to international control and inspection.

3—that this inspection must be limited to assuring the development of atomic energy for peaceful purposes, only.—Associated Press.

Chiang On
Chinese
Civil War

Shanghai, May 20.
The National Government still adhered to the policy of solving the Communist problem by political means, but whether peace or unity could be achieved depends entirely on the attitude of the Communist Party.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek told the opening meeting of the Peoples' Political Council today.

"What we ask of the Communists is merely to abandon their attempt to seize power by armed force, to halt their military operations and to abide by agreements for the restoration of nation-wide communications," he said.

"If the Communists will show their sincerity by deeds the Government is ready to seek a solution of the situation politically in order to relieve the people of suffering."

He emphasized the Government's determination to weed out corruption, say "We want to build up a clean system, able and efficient."—Associated Press.

Algiers, May 19.
Three thousand dockers struck work for higher wages today in Algiers and in Morocco. 7,000 workers of the Sherifian Phosphates office and mines at Khourouga were also on strike for higher wages.—Reuter.

Talks With Soviet
Marking Time

London, May 19.
Negotiations towards revising the Anglo-Soviet Treaty of Alliance, in progress in Moscow, have advanced little since the meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers ended last month. It was authoritatively learned here tonight.

There has been one further meeting between the two men charged with the task—Andrei Vishinsky, Soviet Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Sir Maurice Peterson, the British Ambassador.

Agreement has not been reached between the negotiators, who are still considering each other's draft for revising the 1932 treaty and extending its duration from twenty to fifty years.

The last meeting was devoted to inquiring into the implications of the two draft and there was still no evidence that the initial hitch which stalled progress during the Foreign Ministers' Conference has been overcome.

This arose when the Soviet Union presented a draft which included the requirement that neither party should become part of a bloc considered hostile to the other.

In the British view this would greatly widen the scope of the original treaty, which was designed for mutual protection against any future threat of German aggression.

STUDENTS RIOT IN NANKING:
CLASHES WITH GENDARMES
Police Quell Disturbances By Force

One Reported To
Be Killed

Nanking, May 20.
Rioting broke out in Nanking today as over 6,000 demonstrating students demanding a cessation of civil war crashed through the military police cordon and marched towards the National Assembly Hall, where the Peoples' Political Council (China's parliament) were holding a meeting.

The students defied all attempts to halt the demonstration by members of China's Youth Corps, who fired shots into the air. The total number of students wounded and arrested is not yet known.

Fire hoses and slaying clubs were used in the attempt to halt the demonstrating students. They came from Nanking, Shanghai and Hangchow universities.

Announcing their demands for cessation of civil war by banners and slogans, the students after a brief stop when professors pleaded with the police to let them through the cordon, began breaking through and defied fire hoses.

Earlier the students assembled at their various campuses and broke through surrounding military cordon to begin their demonstration.

Chiang asked the delegates to try to pave the way for the enforcement of the new constitution and exert every effort to implement the emergency economic programme proclaimed February last.

The Generalissimo afterwards left the building unmolested, taking a route on which there were no demonstrators.

From early morning, the authorities, forewarned of the students' intention to demonstrate, took precautionary measures to prevent the spread of the expected rioting.—Associated Press.

One Killed

Nanking, May 20.
Over 20 students were injured and an undetermined number arrested today when some 6,000 students, demonstrating against the civil war, attempted to smash their way through a cordon of military police to the National Assembly hall where the Peoples' Political Council was holding its initial meeting.

One male student was killed in the riots, according to reports which have not yet been definitely confirmed. One girl suffered serious head injuries as a result of a beating and another student had a compound fracture of the leg bone.

Two policemen were badly hurt when a vehicle rushing to the trouble area overturned, according to a second unconfirmed report. Late in the afternoon, the situation quieted down when a student delegation reached an agreement with government officials.

While an eight-man student delegation negotiated with Government officials, the mass of demonstrators stood in the streets near the National Assembly Hall a five deep line of defence—cavalry troops, holding off the students, behind them a rifle squad, unarmed gendarmes, military police and PPC guards.

Mob Fight

Rioting broke out this morning when students, announcing their demands for an early end to the civil war through brightly coloured banners and shouting slogans, crashed through a triple line of military police, who stood with linked arms, cutting off the students' path to the PPC meeting hall.

The police, who numbered approximately 400, began using three-foot long clubs freely in an effort to check the surge of demonstrators, and soon the whole demonstration turned into a mob fight, in which girl students came in for the same share as the men.

The students' red cross squad rescued the wounded, two of whom were seen to be seriously hurt. Students, who could be separated from their colleagues, were surrounded by small knots of police and held tight wooden staves were used to beat them.

Bystanders, who were young but who were not students, also came in for a beating. Many of the students were overpowered by the police and taken away.

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REPARATIONS
SURPRISE

Tokyo, May 20.
A statement issued through General MacArthur's headquarters only a few days before the expected arrival here of the British Reparations Mission to the effect that "only a negligible amount of war booty and looted property remains to be uncovered in Japan has caused surprise among Allied circles, who regard it as an unfortunate misapprehension" of the situation.

They pointed out that a special train, carrying representatives of the Allied nations on the Far Eastern Commission, was despatched to southern Japan recently in an attempt to recover some of this property, but it was so well hidden that the trip was regarded as a farce.—Reuter.

New Term
For British
Citizens

London, May 19.
An agreement has now been reached among all independent members of the British Commonwealth, including Eire, on the establishment of common Commonwealth citizenship.

Reuter learned authoritatively today that following the Commonwealth Nationality Conference in London recently, South Africa, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and Eire are now agreed upon uniform citizenship for the Commonwealth as a whole, and this means that the term "British subject" may disappear from the passports of all citizens of the Commonwealth Empire.

Instead, there will be another term, like Citizen of the British

Commonwealth, which will guarantee the same rights and privileges now protected under the title of "British subject."—Reuter.

Wallace Excelling
Himself

Hollywood, May 20.
Henry Wallace today voiced his conviction that despite the present global unrest "there is a basis for lasting peace in a world in which Capitalism, Socialism and Communism live side by side."

The former vice-president spoke in the Glimro Studio

where the enlarged seating arrangement for 27,000 persons was filled to capacity on Monday night.

Many in the audience chanted "Wallace in 1948" referring to next year's presidential election.

After repeating his previous condemnation of the "Truman doctrine," Wallace attacked the Congressional Committee investigating un-American activities as a group of "bigots."

He declared: "I am not afraid of Communism. If I fall to my side by side with the steaming cauldron of all. Once again wild charges are hurled by self-seeking politicians playing on prejudices."

"No one who speaks of President Franklin Roosevelt with pride—no one who stands for justice—no one who dares to praise Wendell Willkie's vision of one world—is safe from attack!"—Associated Press.

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DECISION ON
REPARATIONS

Washington, May 20.
The Far Eastern Commission, representing Britain, Russia, the United States and eight other nations, has agreed that reparations to be taken from Japan shall be distributed among the countries on the basis of damage suffered by each during the war and the contribution which each had made to defeat Japan.

This decision has been sent to General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Japan. This decision provides the foundation for a general agreement upon which the programme for the distribution of reparations can be built.—Reuter.

Fight On
For Near
East Oil

London, May 20.
Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, said today that the American and Canadian loans to Great Britain would be exhausted "before very long."

The statement was made in a speech to the National Federation of Women's Institutes in which Sir Stafford explained the difficulties of Britain's economic position.

"For the moment we are living upon further loans from America and Canada but we can't go on living 'on tick' any more than your family could," he told his audience.

Sir Stafford said, Britain is now faced with the problem of also paying off wartime debts incurred for imports from America and Canada.

"At present one-third of our imports are being paid for by loans—which means that without the loans or when they are finished, which will be before very long, and without increased exports we should only be able to import two-thirds of what we are now importing," he said, pointing out the effects of such an economic calamity on the nation's already meagre diet.

The only solution, he said, was to increase exports to the extent that they can balance imports and thus be the saviour of Britain when the loans are expended.

"Like a family, if we fall, we shall go bankrupt, but we are quite determined not to become a bankrupt nation if we can avoid it, as we can if we all work together," he said.—United Press.

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Persia
Closes
Border

TEHERAN, MAY 19.
THE PERSIAN WAR MINISTRY HAS ORDERED THE SOVIET-PERSIAN FRONTIER TO BE "HERMETICALLY" CLOSED. AHMAD ARAMESH, THE PERSIAN MINISTER OF LABOUR AND PROPAGANDA, ANNOUNCED HERE TONIGHT.

He confirmed that underground partisans in Azerbaijan have been active.

He added, however, that the War Ministry have the situation well in hand, and the fact that the Shah is going to Azerbaijan on May 24 is sufficient proof that the army is in control there.

Travellers have recently reported that well-armed partisans, reinforced daily by immigrants crossing the Soviet-Iran border, are organising on the pattern of the Greek guerrillas, a resistance movement against the central government.

Their number has been estimated at 15,000 by foreign observers.

Minister Aramesh stated that the War Ministry has now ordered the closing of the frontier to prevent further infiltration.

The Minister disclosed that the Soviet Ambassador, M. Sadchikov, has returned to Moscow for medical treatment and the new Soviet Charge d'Affaires, M. Siliin, has arrived at Teheran.—Reuter.

Miners Do
Their Stuff

London, May 20.
British coal miners in the second week of their new five-day work week increased production to better their old six-day week, Minister of Fuel and Power Emmanuel Shinwell reported today.

He announced that 4,050,800 tons were mined in the week ending May 17. In the previous week—the first of the five-day week—the miners produced 3,705,100 tons.

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TAX DEMANDS
GOING OUT

The newly created Inland Revenue Department is going rapidly ahead with measures for the collection of the taxes authorised by the "Income Tax" Ordinance.

A plain-language summary of the Ordinance is being printed in English and Chinese, and it is hoped to include a copy with most return forms to assist taxpayers to understand their possible liability.

The printing of Property Tax Demand Notes is almost complete. Within a few days they will go to the Treasury where they will be completed from the Rates Rolls.

Owing to the destruction of the addressograph machines formerly in use in the Treasury and the non-arrival so far of the new machines, this will have to be done by hand and will probably take at least one month.

Demand Notes for Property Tax will be issued as completed and the tax will be payable not later than the 30th September.

Employers' Returns

The Employers' Returns (E.R.) Forms issued in relation to Salaries Tax were all sent out yesterday. As and when they are received back in the Department, duly completed, the necessary personal Salaries Tax Return Forms will be sent out.

The first of these may be expected to be issued within the next fortnight.

Cards similar to the E.R. Forms have already been sent to all Government Departments and some have been returned completed.

Salaries Tax Return Forms will be issued in those cases within a few days.

Persons who do not receive a Salaries and Allowances Tax Return Form by the end of June are expected to apply for one to the Inland Revenue Department.

Similarly, recipients of Allowances are required to fill in one of these Return Forms. They should apply to the Inland Revenue Department for the necessary forms.

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None of those on board are

ATOMIC POWER STATION FOR BRITAIN

On Deserted Coast Of West Cumberland

Britain And U.S. In Same Pot

Denby, South Yorkshire, May 19. Great Britain and the United States are both in the same pot, the United States Ambassador to London, Mr. Lewis Douglas, affirmed in a speech today at a luncheon given in his honour after a visit to Denby Main Colliery, one of the oldest coal-pits in England.

"If we were able to perform a service for the United Kingdom during the war," the Ambassador said, "it was not because of any sentimental attachment but for the deep conviction, which I hold, that we are in the same pot together."

"We have to remain in the same pot together, for if either of us fall out we fall into the fire together."

Mr. Douglas was accompanied on his visit to the colliery by Lord Hyndley, Chairman of the National Coal Board.—Reuter.

Czech Pact With Poland

London, May 19. An impending boundary agreement with Poland and an alliance with Bulgaria were forecast by Mr. Jan Masaryk, the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, at a commemoration service in Bohemia, the Prague radio stated today.

Speaking over the graves of Soviet, Yugoslav and Czechoslovak partisans, Mr. Masaryk added: "The Slavs will not declare war on anybody, but the fruits of victory gained by those who fought and are buried here below we shall guard as carefully as a mother guards her child."—United Press.

Beecham Lives Up To Reputation

London, May 19. Just before his scheduled Mozart concert Sir Thomas Beecham gave his young impresario, Harold Fielding, a bitter pill.

Over the violent protests of diminutive Fielding, he announced he was cancelling the performance of the F Major piano concerto because his wife, Lady Beecham, was indisposed and could not be the soloist.

So last night Fielding attended the concert merely as one of 2,000 music lovers and informed critics in the lobby that he and the colourful conductor were ending their professional relationship—after one week.

Fielding's side of the story was that he had advertised a concerto and soloist and thought he should provide just that even

James Grigg Resigns

London, May 19. Sir James Grigg has relinquished the appointment of United Kingdom Executive Director of the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development, the Treasury announced tonight.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Dr. Hugh Dalton, has appointed from today Mr. R. Gordon Munro to succeed Mr. R. John, and also as an alternate Governor of the Bank. At the Chancellor's request Mr. Munro has agreed to continue as Treasury representative in the United States and Finance Minister at the British Embassy in Washington.

In his capacity as Treasury representative in Washington Mr. Munro draws on the United States loan for the British Government.—Reuter.

"JANE"



Scheme In The Discussion Stage

London, May 19. Britain's first atomic energy power plant, to pump much needed electricity into the country's power network, will be built on the almost deserted coast of West Cumberland near the hamlet of Drigg, the "Daily Express" said today. Several chain-reacting uranium "engines" will be set up, the "Express" said. They will cost an estimated £7,000,000 and top output will be about 75,000 kilowatts—enough to light a city as large as Liverpool with a population of 855,000 persons.

The Supply Minister issued the following statement: "Possible use of the former explosives factory at Drigg for a purpose in connection with atomic energy is under technical examination. No decision has been reached."

The plant would resemble other chain-reaction uranium piles in most respects. The principal innovation is the discovery of a method for extracting surplus heat from the pile in gaseous form rather than following the American practice of cooling the pile by pumping enormous amounts of water through it.

This will obviate the danger of dangerously contaminated water flowing into the Irish Sea and will permit radioactive elements to be dissipated harmlessly into the air.

In order to eliminate the danger of casualties from radioactive fumes, the "Express" said, Drigg was chosen as the site because it is in a sparsely populated area. The Atomic Energy Council recommendation that a 20-mile-wide belt surrounding the plant be cleared of human habitation can be fulfilled easily at the chosen site, the "Express" said.—United Press.

German Food Chaos

Berlin, May 19.

The British and United States Military Governments tonight announced that although the official ration scales for the combined zones are to remain unchanged,

"stocks of grain in the combined area and imports, which will arrive in the next few days, will not permit full distribution of world or even local events, is prey to rumour.—Reuter.

The German Executive Committee for Food and Agriculture was warned that it must take the necessary steps to ensure that the availability of rationed foods was maintained on the same caloric level throughout the area.

"This will mean that for the present, at least, we may have to abandon a common diet and allow the quantity of bread and other commodities to vary from area to area," the statement added.—Reuter.

More Food

Washington, May 19.

Germany will get even more than 1,200,000 tons of food promised her in the next three months by Mr. Robert Patterson, Secretary for War. If the present fast shipping schedules are maintained, it was stated officially here today.—Reuter.

Mass Trial Of Swiss

Zug, Switzerland, May 10.

A mass trial on treason charges of 37 alleged members of the League of Swiss in Great Germany, who were known as "Adolf Hitler's political soldiers," began in this lakeside town today.

Only 25 of the accused appeared in court. Of the remainder, two are in custody of the Americans in Germany, others are resident in Germany, and several of the alleged leaders have vanished.

The accused are mostly educated men, including lawyers, journalists, engineers and businessmen, with a sprinkling of artisans and businessmen. One is a former clergyman.

The leaders of the organisation, Hans Emil Frei, an insurance agent, and Alfred Zander, a writer, have already been sentenced as German agents to terms of imprisonment and deprived of their Swiss nationality.—Reuter.

The combination of my wife and myself is one that cannot be duplicated in 24 hours and if she cannot be here the concert will not be played. I am taking no chances of not getting artistic justice where my favourite composer is concerned."

In place of the concerto Sir Thomas played Symphony No. 27 in G Major.—United Press.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Lake Success, May 19. United Nations officials today launched negotiations for worldwide freedom of information with a challenge to the Big Powers to surmount ideological differences and "safeguard the freedom of information and the Press throughout the world."

The Assistant Secretary-General, Henri Laugier of France, declared in opening the first meeting: "The problem you have to solve is a difficult one."—United Press.

The Old Men's Solace

London, May 19.

Mr. Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the Exchequer, disclosed in the Commons tonight that his department was working on an "administrable scheme" to exempt old people from the heavy tobacco tax.

Mr. Dalton also warned the Commons that more steps to reduce the dollar drain were to come, but he did not elaborate.

Regarding heavy smoking, which has cost England a large share of her scarce dollars, the Chancellor said: "I repeat that I appeal to all right-minded men and women to help Government and their nation save precious dollars. If you spend dollars on fags, you won't save them for food."—United Press.

Danish Newspaper Strike

Copenhagen, May 19. Newspaper proprietors and printers have been summoned by the State Mediator to meet tomorrow in an effort to settle the strike that has hit but deprived Copenhagen of newspapers since the beginning of March.

If arbitration over the printers' demands is rejected by either party, there is a possibility that the Government will enforce a settlement.

The strike has been a revelation of the effects of the deprivation of newspapers on the life of a modern community. Instead of ten daily newspapers only two appear—the Social Democrats and the Communist organ Land og Folk. They are published under a pledge not to increase circulation.

There has been a noticeable slowing down of political and economic life; business, theatres and tourist trade are suffering heavily through being unable to advertise, and the public, un-informed of world or even local events, is prey to rumour.—Reuter.

MASS STRIKE IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, May 19.

About 30,000 Jews and 10,000 Arabs employed in military camps and installations throughout Palestine will stage a one-day token strike tomorrow for higher wages, the recognition of trade unions and improved regulations.

The strike is being coordinated by both the Jewish and Arab trade unions. It will be the biggest strike in Palestine since about 50,000 Post Office employees struck last year.—Reuter.

Summing up the results of four months' fighting from the middle

Surprise Rebel Attack On Saigon

Paris, May 19. Vietnamese rebels struck a surprise blow at the French headquarters city of Saigon, 1,000 kilometres behind the Indo-China war centre, it was reported here tonight by the Agence France Presse.

Large native forces, supported by artillery, began to attack simultaneously nearly every garrison east and southeast of the city last night, the AFP reported. They were not beaten back until early this morning and "all security measures have been taken in view of a possible renewal of the attack tonight," the Agency said.

"According to documents found on bodies," the report continued, "a general attack on Saigon was planned."

Two Vietnamese shells fell in the centre of the city.

The French High Commissioner, Emile Bollaert, returned to his hitherto peaceful headquarters from the northern provinces of Tonkin and Annam this morning to find his forces in battle in the centre of French-dominated Cochinchina.—United Press.

Peace Offer

Saigon, May 19. Negotiations with the French Government may start only on a basis of French recognition of a united Viet Nam as an independent unit of the French Union.

Dr. Ho Chi Minh, President of the Viet Nam Republican Government in Indo-China, said, according to an underground newspaper published "somewhere outside Saigon" today.

The report quoted Dr. Ho Chi Minh as saying that "negotiations can start easily and forthwith."

"If the negotiations do not take place or end in failure, the people of Viet Nam will carry on the struggle for freedom, for five or ten years if necessary, while Viet Nam guerrillas can sustain it even longer," Dr. Ho Chi Minh was quoted as saying.

War Losses

Summing up the results of four months' fighting from the middle

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Clean-Up Of Nazi Bankers

Berlin, May 19. The Americans have fired more than 14,000 bankers in a two-year cleanup of the corrupt Nazi financial system, Mr. Theodore H. Ball, Military Finance Director, said today.

The figure, covering only the American zone, was inflated by the mass infiltration of Hitler-henchmen into Germany's financial structure in the middle 1930's, Mr. Ball explained. By grabbing control of larger public and private institutions, they steered these organizations into a position "closely tied up with financing the war effort," he said.

Although Nazis were gradually pulled from executive posts in 1945 and 1946, several of the larger banks continued near formal operations in the British and American zones until last week, said Mr. Ball, who is a Treasury Department expert on loan to the Military Government

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their respective godowns on
19th and 20th May, 1947, be-
tween 10 a.m. and noon and be-
tween 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. In-
spection Permits will be issued
by the Undersigned at his
Auction Rooms.

The Auction is subject to the
Conditions of Sale published in
the Hong Kong (British Mil-
itary Administration) Gazette
Vol. 2, No. 12, of 9th March,
1946.

A. E. B. DE SOUSA,
Auctioneer.

Hong Kong, 19th May, 1947.

REMINDER

SPORTS CLUB

Selling lotteries for the
Whitman Race Meeting will be
held TO-DAY at 6 p.m. sharp.

H. S. YOUNG
Hon. Secretary.

LAMMERT BROS.
Auctioneers, Surveyors
and Appraisers.
Pedder Building.
Telephone No. 20224.

PUBLIC AUCTION

BY ORDER OF THE DIREC-
TOR OF DISPOSALS FAR
EASTERN AREA (M.C.S.)
Messrs. Lammert Brothers of
Pedder Building, Hong Kong,
have received instructions to
sell by Auction at their Sales
Rooms, Pedder Building—Base-
ment, at 10.30 a.m. on Thurs-
day, the 22nd day of May 1947

A LARGE QUANTITY OF
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Canvas, Linen, Leather, Cork,
Etc. Etc.

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Dockyard, Hong Kong, and in
Candy Store, Tukoo Sugar
Refinery, Hong Kong)

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labeled at E. S. B. D.,
Chatham Road, Kowloon)

Permits to view, Catalogues,
Special Conditions of Sales etc.
may be obtained from Messrs.
Lammert Brothers.

Inspection of the above Stores
can be made between the hours
of 10.00 a.m. and noon and be-
tween 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.
on Tuesday and Wednesday,
the 20th, and 21st. May 1947.

WALTER M.
WEINBERGER,
Chairman,
BRITISH STORES
DISPOSAL BOARD,
Hong Kong.

By ORDER
Of the Director of Disposals
Far Eastern Area
(M. O. S.)

1. THE BRITISH
STORES DISPOSAL
BOARD (HONG KONG)
is authorised to receive
TENDERS for the
following:—

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DINGHIES, ETC.

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CORPS, 628 WATER TRANSPORT
COMPANY, SHAMSHUPO.

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Lot No. 2 14 foot Dinghy (No. D.85)
Lot No. 3 14 foot Dinghy (No. 104)
Lot No. 4 15 foot Passenger Launch
(No. N/3)

Lot No. 5 "1" Type Launch (No. J.87)
Lot No. 6 "2" Type Launch (No. J.87)
Lot No. 7 "D" Type Tug (No. 191)

LOCATED AT WING ON SHING YARD,
CHEONG SHAWAN (NEAR LAI
CHI KOK)

Lot No. 8 26 foot Motor Boat (No.
N/N/4)

LOCATED AT H.M. DOCKYARD,
KOWLOON.

Lot No. 9 16 foot Dinghy (No. N/N/5)
Lot No. 10 16 foot Dinghy (No. 3278)

Lot No. 11 16 foot Dinghy (No. 497)

Lot No. 12 16 foot Boat Drifter (No.
N/N/4)

Lot No. 13 20 foot Catter Palling (No.
N/N/7)

Lot No. 14 24 foot Life Boat (No. 888)

Lot No. 15 24 foot Life Boat (No. N/N/4)

Lot No. 16 24 foot Harbour Launch (No.
N/N/4)

Lot No. 17 24 foot Dinghy (No. 1810)

Lot No. 18 24 foot Dinghy (No. 2248)

Lot No. 19 24 foot Dinghy (No. 1810)

Lot No. 20 24 foot Dinghy (No. N/N/3)

Lot No. 21 24 foot Drifter (No. N/N/18)

Lot No. 22 27 foot Whale (No. 4250)

Lot No. 23 28 foot Life Boat (No. 39519)

2. No warranty is given in any
way as to condition etc, and lots
will be bought as they lie.

3. Hours of Inspection: Tuesdays,
Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fri-
days, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon and 2 p.m.
to 4 p.m.

4. Applicants for Tender Forms
are required to deposit \$100.00
with the Board at the time of ap-
plying for the Tender Form. This
sum will be reckoned as part of
the 10% deposit required to be re-
turned, with any tender. (See
Form 1).

5. The \$100.00 deposits made by
contractors not eventually wish-
ing to tender will be returnable
against receipt in the Board's
offices of the original Tender
Form issued.

6. Closing date for tenders:—12
Noon, Thursday, 29th May, 1947.

7. The Chairman of the British
Stores Disposal Board (Hong
Kong) does not bind himself to
accept the highest or any tender.

WALTER M.
WEINBERGER,
Chairman,
BRITISH STORES
DISPOSAL BOARD,
Hong Kong.

LAMMERT BROS.
Auctioneers.

**HONGKONG
& WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

Notice is hereby given that the
Thirty-eighth Ordinary General
Meeting of the Company will be
held at 18 Pedder Street (1st
floor) Hong Kong on MONDAY,
the NINTH day of JUNE, 1947,
at NOON, for the purpose of
receiving the Report and
Statement of Accounts for the
period 1st December 1946, to
31st December 1946.

That the Articles of Association
be altered in the manner
following:—

(a) Article 17 shall be can-
celled.

(b) In the third line of
Article 71 the word "two"
shall be substituted for
the word "three".

(c) The following Article shall
be substituted for Article
76:— "76. Subject to any
special terms as to voting
upon which any shares of
the Company may have
been issued or may for
the time being held,
upon a show of hands
every member present in
person shall have one
vote, and upon a poll
every member present in
person or by proxy shall
have one vote for every
share held by him."

By Order of the Board,
R. G. CRAIG,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong,
Dated this Ninth day of May,
1947.

By Order of the Board,
W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary

Hongkong, 6th May, 1947.

TRANSPORT

It is hereby notified that sealed
tenders which should be
clearly marked "Tender for
Provision of Road Carrying
Motor Transport 3 ton capacity
on hire to W.D." will be re-
ceived at the office of the Com-
mander, Royal Army Service
Corps, Queen's Road, Hong
Kong until noon on 28th May
1947 for the hiring to the
War Department as required
mechanically propelled vehicles
for transport of W.D. Stores.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
the 20th June, 1947, to the 11th
July, 1947, inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON
& CO., LTD.

General Managers.

Hong Kong, 19th May, 1947.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received
instructions to sell by Public Auction

Friday, the 28th May 1947
commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Rooms No. 35
Hawker Road, Kowloon.

A QUANTITY OF
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE
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Tables, Sideboards, Chairs,
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Carved Camphorwood Trunks,
Chinese Rugs, Carpet Runner,
Chesterfield Suite, Tables,
Wicker Chairs, Blackwood
Chairs, and Tea-Poys, Bed Side
Tables, Desks, Curios, Glass
Ware & Cutlery etc. etc.

Forms of Tender and fur-
ther particulars may be obtained
from H. Q. R.A.S.C.,
Queen's Road, Hong Kong.

The War Department does
not bind itself to accept the
lowest or any tender, and re-
serves the right to accept all
or any part of any tender.

S. P. PERRY
Lt Col., Commander,
Royal Army Service Corps,
HONG KONG.

Friday, the 28th May 1947
commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Rooms No. 35
Hawker Road, Kowloon.

HARBOUR
DEPARTMENT
NOTIFICATION

For information of Ship
Operators & Charterers

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED
THAT SATURDAY, AND
SUNDAY, 17TH AND 18TH
MAY, 1947, HAVE BEEN DE-
CLARED WEATHER NON-
WORKING DAYS.

J. JOLLY,
Harbour Master.

Harbour Department,
Hong Kong, 20th May, 1947.

POLICE NOTICE

At approximately 8.45 p.m.
on Saturday, 17th May 1947
an unknown Chinese female
seriously injured was found ly-
ing in Hennessy Road near the
junction with Tin Lok Lane.

This woman has since died.

Will any person who can
give any information regarding
this incident please go to the
nearest police station.

LAMMERT BROS.
Auctioneers.

WALTER M.
WEINBERGER
Chairman

BRITISH STORES
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R.A.F. OFFICER ACQUITTED Incident On The "Night Star"

"I feel we must accept the coxswain's evidence that he was in control of the situation (which, of course, includes his ability at all material times to direct the engine room to bring the vessel to a standstill, a matter which has not been questioned by either side). He saw nothing dangerous in the manner he passed the 'Northern Star' and the Wharf and brought the vessel to a standstill eventually."

The above formed part of the written judgment delivered by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday in favour of Flying Officer A. F. Doward charged with piloting the Star Ferry launch "Night Star" to the danger and inconvenience of the passengers on board and to the danger of other craft in the Harbour at 1.30 a.m. on May 4.

Defendant, represented by Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones, was given the benefit of the doubt and discharged. Inspector J. Oren prosecuted.

After a lengthy review of the evidence adduced by both the prosecution and the defence, His Worship said, in part:

No Corroboration

"Having heard Mr. Rothwell's evidence first, what struck me very forcibly in this case was the complete absence of corroboration by both the coxswain and his assistant. Both these latter witnesses saw nothing very unusual or dangerous in the entire incident."

"Although pressed by both counsel and the Court, at no time did they consider that this vessel was, in fact, in any danger whatever."

"According to them, they were in command of the situation throughout the crossing and successfully prevented any interference with the navigation of the vessel."

"While I do not discount to any extent Mr. Rothwell's evidence in this connection, I am puzzled at the discrepancy between his and all other witnesses' evidence about the manner the four Europeans left the wheelhouse. He says the accused stayed for some time after the others. All other witnesses, both prosecution and defence, say they all left more or less together."

"While I do not wish that he feels that his evidence is discredited in any way, I do feel that a rather important part of his evidence, in the light of the evidence of the coxswain and his assistant, must be taken to be merely what his impressions were of what might have happened."

Doubt

"I do feel that if there ever had been any real danger to this vessel some appreciation of that danger must surely have been felt by the coxswain, the man on whose shoulders was placed the sole responsibility of its safe navigation."

"Again, no one was called from the 'Northern Star' or the wharf to give their impressions of what they saw and if Inspector Cowie's evidence can be taken to be representative of the impressions of the passengers of the 'Night Star,' it would appear that they did not consider they were in any danger nor put to any inconvenience."

"I have no doubt at all the accused and his associates did enter the wheelhouse, that they did interfere with the navigation of this vessel by their very presence there and that two of them, including the accused, did interfere with the steering mechanism."

"And I find from the record in this case that the accused and three others have already been convicted and punished by my brother-Magistrate, Mr. Latimer, on May 12."

"But from all the evidence in this case, I am in more than reasonable doubt whether, at any time, the accused took charge and piloted the vessel to the danger and inconvenience of the public carried thereon and to the danger of other craft."

"I am bound therefore to resolve that doubt in favour of the accused and he is accordingly acquitted and discharged."

BOOTS AND HIS BUDDIES



Street Ice-Cream Danger

The danger of purchasing ice-cream and ice-candies from itinerant hawkers was again brought to the attention of the public by Senior Inspector Sheriff of the Health Department at Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr's Court at Kowloon yesterday.

When Fung Kai, 20, appeared before His Worship charged with the unlawful manufacture of ice-cream and ice-candies at 9 Boundary Street, ground floor, on May 19, SI Sheriff informed the Court that the "factory" occupied partly bombed premises and was in an "indescribably filthy condition."

In asking for a severe penalty S/I Sheriff stated that the Health Department took a very serious view of the case as this type of offenders was very difficult to catch as they move from place to place.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$300, or four months' hard labour, and, on the application of S/I Sheriff, ordered the confiscation to the Urban Council of the six ice boxes, three wooden trays, one ice machine, and two wooden boxes seized.

Kowloon Opium Cases

DSI Roberts and a party of Chinese detectives were responsible for the appearance of Lui Kwan and Wong On before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, charged with being keepers of opium divans and possession of prepared opium.

SI Walter Collins, prosecuting, stated that Lui occupied the verandah of 127 Yeo Kok Street, first floor, paying \$30 per month as rent. At the time of the raid, three pipes and three lamps, 1.1 mace of prepared opium, and one smoker were found on the premises.

Lui was fined a total of \$220, or three months' hard labour, while his customer was mulcted in the sum of \$15.

Wong On's divan, according to SI Collins, occupied the cockpit of 186 Tai Nam Street, ground floor, the rental for which was also \$30 per month.

"There were two large beds, three lamps and three pipes and 1.4 mace of prepared opium on the premises when it was raided at 8.20 p.m. on May 19.

Wong, who had two previous convictions including one of 10 years' banishment (expired), was fined \$370 or four months' penal servitude. The three smoker's ball of \$25 each were confiscated on their failing to appear in Court.

On the application of S/I Collins, notice of the conviction in both cases will be served on the respective principal tenants.

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Eggs Over



Stay Of Execution Granted

The "China Mail" has been informed that, pending the result of an appeal to the Privy Council, stay of execution has been granted in the case of Chau Loung-son, who was sentenced to death by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Puisne Judge), at the Criminal Sessions on March 4.

The "China Mail" has also been informed that all papers in connection with the appeal to the Privy Council have already been forwarded by Messrs. Hastings & Co., solicitors, to their London agents.

It will be recalled that Chau was found guilty of the murder of Young Wing-yeo alias "Snake" Young in Pello Street on Nov. 23, as a result of alleged improper relationships between the latter and Chau's wife.

Chau appealed against the sentence of death which had been passed on him on the ground that under the laws and customs of his native village, a husband, in the case of adultery, has a right and a duty to kill his wife and the adulterer. Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, in dismissing the appeal, held that the laws and customs of a man's native place in China which conferred on him such rights was no defence to a charge of murder in this Colony, because the law in this Colony was the English law and not the Chinese.

Following upon the dismissal of the appeal, the local Chiu Chow Association petitioned Government for clemency on behalf of Chau.

FAILED TO APPEAR

Ball of \$60 by Yan Wang-fai, described as an overseas merchant, was estreated when he failed to appear before Mr. Latimer to answer the charge of conveying 12 letters into the Colony at 12.50 p.m. on May 19.

According to Inspector J. Oren, all the letters were found to be of either personal or commercial correspondences.

On her plea of "not guilty" to the charge of keeping a common gaming house at 43 Reclamation Street, first floor, being accepted by DSI R. B. Davies, Chan Yee, 40, widow, was fined \$25 by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday for the possession of 24 "po pu" lottery tickets, valued at \$17.50, on May 19. The tickets were ordered to be destroyed.

The well-known British Journalist and M.P., Mr. Vernon Bartlett was the guest of honour at a Chinese tea party given at the Cafe de Chine, Monday afternoon by Mr. Li Ta Chao.



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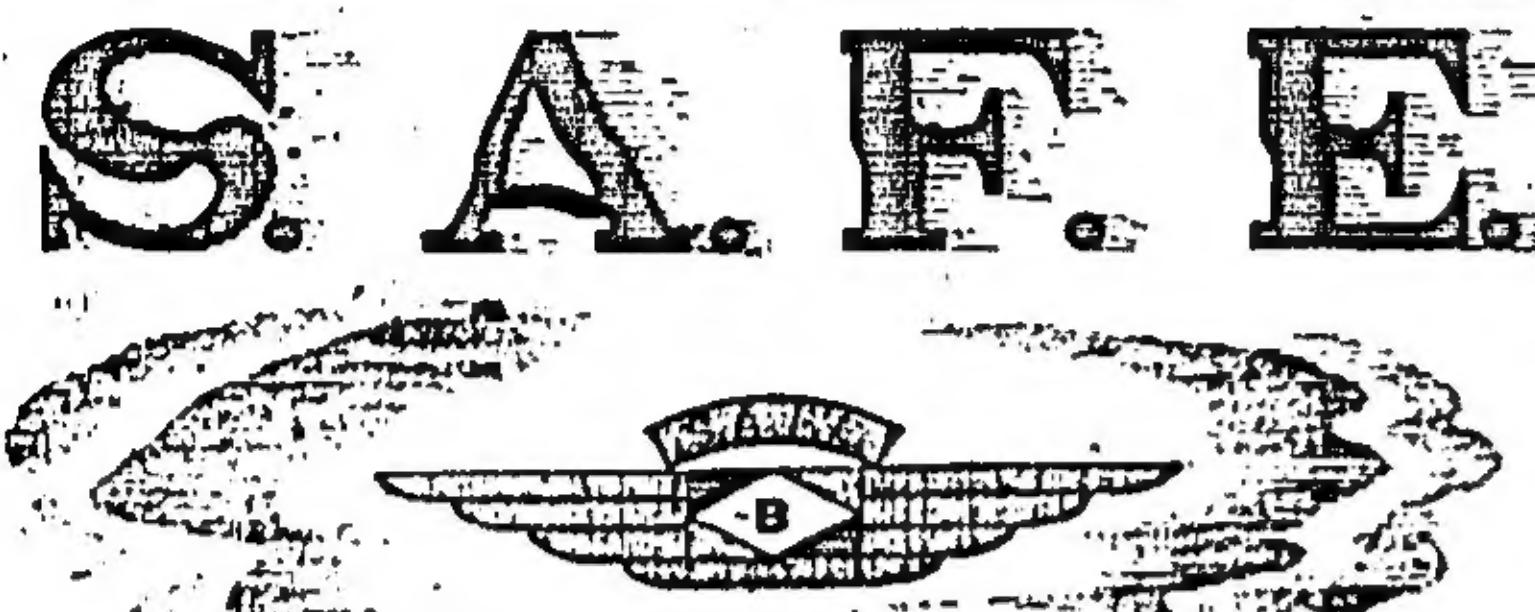
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The Holiday Feeling Begins To Settle On London

By
JOHN SHIPTON

Despite Mr. Dalton, rationing, queues, and a few other trials in this island of ours, there seems to be quite a happy-go-lucky atmosphere now. The fresh May days are here. But it is not only the weather that has been responsible for this remarkable change of mind. Yes, you've guessed it: it's that holiday feeling. In every city office there is the inevitably holiday guide. Already camps, hotels, and boarding houses are telling prospective clients they are full from July to August, but as almost every person in the country is trying to get away somewhere it is likely soon to be a case of no more customers wanted from May to October. Reason, of course, is holidays with pay; for there are very few firms in Britain nowadays, even in the Army, who do not make this concession. Holidays with pay is only one reason why holiday camps are in such great demand. People have the money with their two or three weeks extra salary, bonus, too. In most cases, the food problem is solved by expert caterers, and even the young children have their own nurseries and attendants. This leaves mother and father to take that well-needed rest, knowing the youngsters are in good hands. I was an early convert to one of these holiday camps. How well do I remember my first visit! It was a civil service camp on the east coast. After a full round of activities during the day, organised for you if it was desired, the evening's festivities started with a dance. First item on the programme was a spot waltz, and the winners, usually half a dozen young couples, had to patrol the camp grounds listening for restless babies in the various huts. They reported back to the MC, who then made an announcement over the microphone. That was a long time ago. Now most British camps employ "aunts" and "uncles" to look after the younger element. These holiday camps provide a truly wonderful insight into our way of life—they entertained millions last year—and from all reports they seem destined to enjoy an even bigger boom this year.

Silver Lining

Even after Britons have had their holiday there is sure to be a little left over for the National Savings Association "Silver Lining" campaign—thanks to post-war credits. The huge sum of £366,000,000, which it is hoped to raise by the campaign, is £200,000,000 less than last year. The target, given by Sir Harold Macmillan, chairman of the National Savings Committee, is £1,000,000 a day, for, as he says in his motto: "A million a day keeps inflation away." Everybody connected with the movement is confident the target, as last year, will easily be passed. "No wonder! There's a nationwide ring of campaigners and almost every street has its National Savings workers.

A first class controversy has been started by the plan, to which I referred last week, for a big extension of the power station on Bankside facing St. Paul's Cathedral. Many MPs

(Continued at foot of Col. 7.)

First Holiday

Britain's holidaymakers will be starting their season in earnest this week with the first holiday of the summer starting with Whit Sunday, May 26, and every little hamlet has made its own plans with a festival of sport and pleasure. Good news for travellers is that seats for

100 Years
Ago Today

(From the files of the "China Mail," May 21, 1941.)

In pursuance of a Public notice in a General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hong Kong Ice Company was held at the House of Messrs. Dent & Co.

It was proposed by Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Fletcher that Mr. Mercer be appointed to the chair.

Proposed by Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously.

That the affairs of the Hong Kong Ice Company being in an unsatisfactory position, an immediate call be made upon the shareholders for the purpose of liquidating a portion of the

Balance due to the Treasurers.

(Excerpts from the "Peking Gazette" as reprinted in the "China Mail".)

The Board of Rites memorialized that being now engaged in

making up the list of distinguished

persons and for an enquiry to

be made in all the provinces as to the

distinguished wives (that is

those widows who have dis-

tinguished themselves by constancy)

and unmarried women, which His

Majesty orders to make.

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FAMINE IN HONAN "PRO-

VINCE"—Governor of Honan,

memorializes stating that in 1941

and 1943 that province suffered

from inundations and that the

earth became dried and rent with

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Rio de Janeiro, May 19. Twenty-four hours before the eclipse time the weather at observation points in Brazil was crystal clear and—Brazilians, inveterate gamblers, were laying odds of four to one that skies would be clear for the critical four minutes of the total eclipse tomorrow.

Clear skies tomorrow (Tuesday) would mean that scientists of 13 nations would win their own \$50,000 gamble. That is the estimated total cost of bringing expeditions to Brazil and installing them at Araxa and Beacatuva. Cloudy skies could negate almost the entire project, which has taken months to prepare, and would mean only limited observations from aircraft could be made and these only by Americans—the sole party equipped with aircraft.

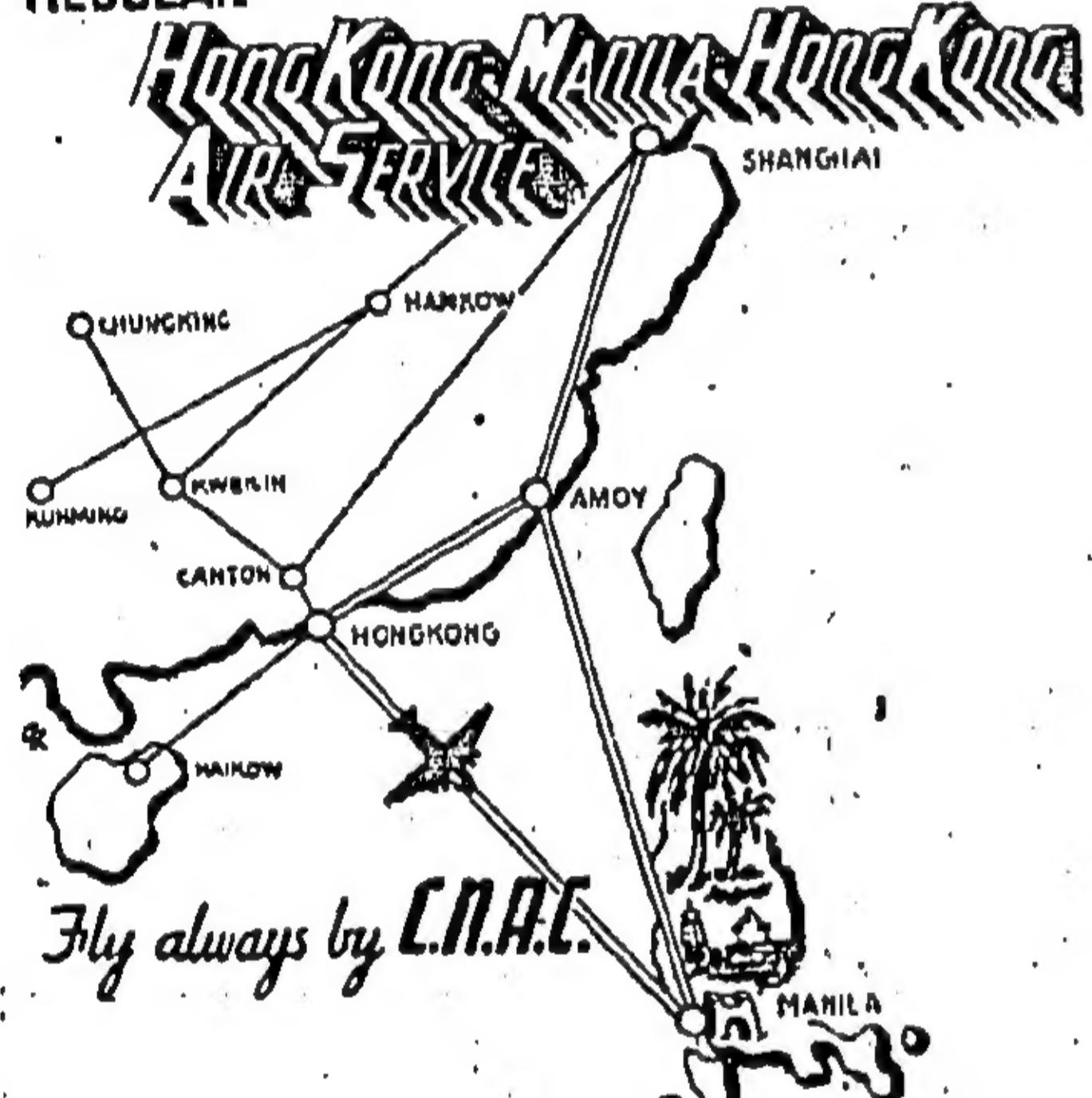
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BANKSIDE POWER STATION CONTROVERSY

London, May 19.

There was no substance in the persistent argument that the proposed Bankside generating plant across the Thames River from St. Paul's Cathedral will either compete with or interfere with London's famous landmark, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Jowitt, stated in the House of Lords today when replying to a debate on the merits of the Government's decision to build the electricity power station in the heart of London.

Britain must have more generators, Lord Jowitt said, to meet a demand which was mounting by 200,000 kilowatts a year in London.

Five riverside sites, including Bankside and Rotherhithe, the site rejected two years ago, would be needed. From 1,200,000 to 1,500,000 kilowatts of plant must be provided by 1960.

The only conceivable argument, Lord Jowitt said, was the danger of sulphur fumes. A decision to change from coal to oil would cost more than £400,000 a year, but it would be worth it. The plant would be clean and noiseless. But if it was found that sulphur fumes would not be eliminated, as experts believed, then there would be a real case against the scheme. This problem was being examined.

It was quite possible, Lord Jowitt added, that the new structure would be beautiful. The debate was initiated by Lord Lewin, Conservative Peer and wartime Minister of Food, who declared that the decision to build the station, the first of a series, would mean the loss of an opportunity to build a more beautiful London out of the ruins and devastation.

"This doubt must not be allowed to continue," he added.

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Macassar, Celebes, May 19. Dr. Louis Beel, the Dutch Prime Minister, who is now visiting Indonesia, said today that he regretted very much that Republican statements about East Indonesia and the Netherlands "have often caused me to doubt seriously their preparedness to cooperate."

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Rome, May 19. An early end to Italy's political crisis was forecast today by the Communist leader, Signor Palmiro Togliatti, after seeing Signor Francesco Nitti, who is trying to form a Cabinet.

We spoke of the political composition of the Government and its programme," the Communist leader said. "We are now at the stage where it can be hoped for an early resolution of the present crisis. The Communist Party has not made any objections regarding participation of other parliamentary groups."

Signor Nitti was asked by President Enrico de Nicola on Friday to try to form a government to replace the four-month-old coalition of Signor Alcide de Gasperi, which resigned last Monday.

Signor Giuseppe Saragat, leader of the dissident Socialists who last January broke away from the main party, did not see Signor Nitti today, but it is known that he is holding out for the formation of a special "Economic Cabinet" within the new government which will have the specific task of directing the country's economy and finances.

Doubt about the support of other parliamentary groups.

Signor Nitti would receive from the Christian Democrats who was dispersed today when Signor Roberto Tupini, prominent Christian Democrat, told the press that he had told Signor Nitti that his party was not placing and would not place any difficulties in Signor Nitti's path.

Signor Vito Reale, close personal friend of Signor Nitti, told journalists: "On general lines Signor Nitti is in agreement with all political leaders with whom he has spoken. It is probable that he will go to the head of state later today for further consultation on the progress made so far.

"Tomorrow, he will probably work out a concrete Government programme."—Reuter.

Nitti Statement

Rome, May 19. The premier-designate, Francesco Nitti, today gave assurance that he would form a new Italian government but again postponed acceptance of the mandate to organize the Cabinet.

Nitti said he had obtained the collaboration of Italy's three big parties, but admitted that some minor parties had stiffened their attitude toward participation. He indicated, however, that he intended to go ahead with all parties' wishes to join the government and hoped to complete the Cabinet tomorrow.—United Press.

Cable To Welles

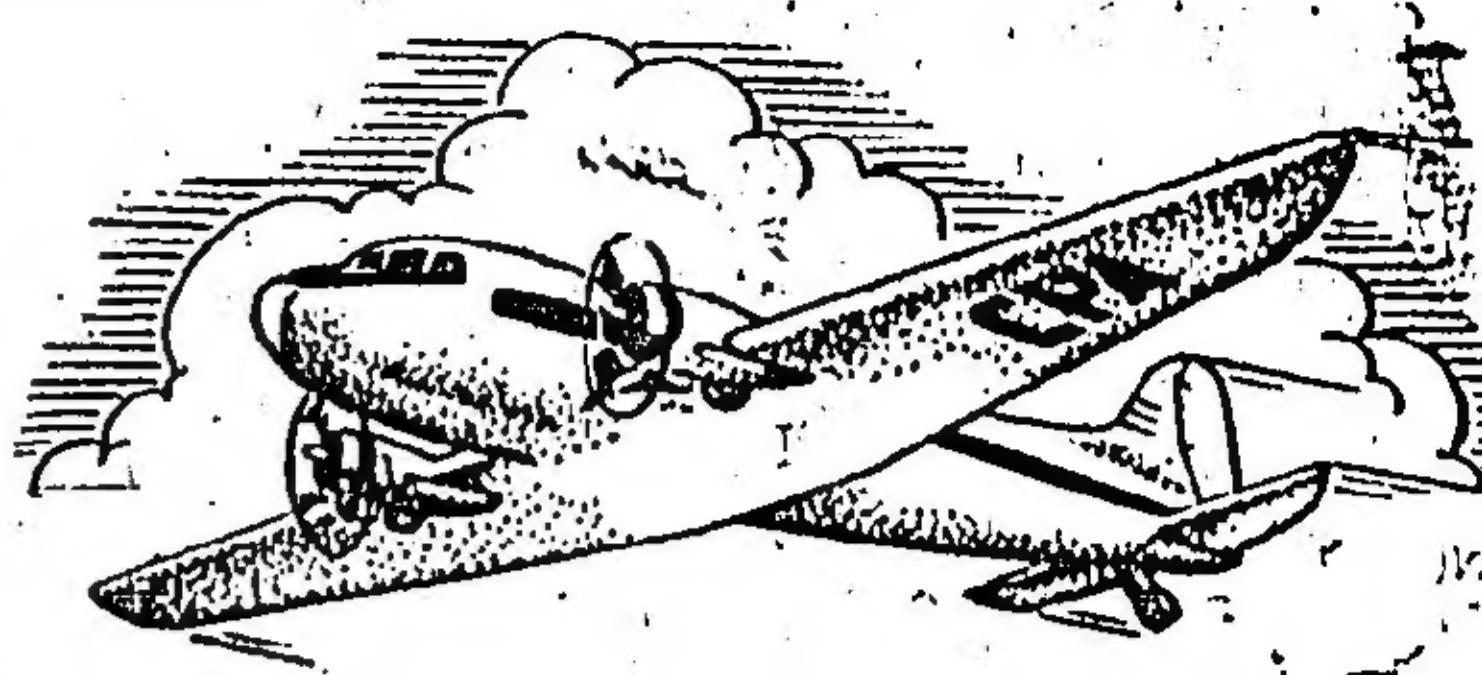
Rome, May 19. Italy's Communist leader, Palmiro Togliatti, cabled Mr. Sumner Welles today to produce immediate proof of his charge that Togliatti had received funds from Russia or else be considered a "ilar and a sinner."

Togliatti referred to a radio speech in which Mr. Welles charged that Communists would take over Italy if United States aid were not immediately given.

The Communist leader's telegram said: "The United States have conquered Fascist Italy. This victory, to which Italy made a notable contribution, has not, however, given any American politician the right to insult Italian politicians of whatever category."—United Press.

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Barcelona Bomb

Madrid, May 19. A bomb exploded during Saturday night on a window ledge at the Military Governor's office in Barcelona, where General Francisco Franco is paying a visit, it was disclosed here today. Some structural damage was done, but there were no casualties.

The Spanish police claimed today that they had captured the man who last Thursday shot at two civil guards, a customs officer and a passerby after a time-bomb had been seized from him in Barcelona.

The police said they were taking the strictest precautions against terrorist acts during General Franco's stay in Barcelona.—Reuter.

**RED THREAT
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New Delhi, May 19. Women and children were today streaming out of Lahore, capital of Punjab and India's fifth largest city, where communal violence continued for the sixth consecutive day with 12 more deaths and 90 arrests.

British and Indian troops and Gurkhas patrol the city's almost deserted streets. The fire brigade poured water on the smouldering ruins of over-night fires. Colleges and schools were closed. Mills and warehouses were idle and staffs were absent from Government and railway offices.

Rioting today followed a restless night, in which the quiet of the curfew was frequently broken by slogans shouted from roof-tops. Seven people were killed and several wounded when a group of workers were waylaid as they were returning home from the North-Western Railway workshops at daybreak. Four persons were shot and killed in another clash in a suburb. The police seized some firearms and ammunition.

As Admiral Lord Mountbatten, Viceroy, arrived in England with his plan for transfer of power to India, it was learned here that Sir Mohammed Hamidullah Khan, of Bhopal, has tendered his resignation as Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes. The Maharajah of Patiala was considered as his most likely successor.

The Nawab, who is 52 and a Moslem, played an outstanding part last autumn as mediator in an attempt to bridge the gulf between Congress and the Moslem League and persuaded both sides to renew negotiations. A strong believer in the independence of Indian states, he issued in February a joint statement with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Vice-President of the Interim Government, that a basis of understanding had been reached about the eventual position of the Princely States in the new India.

Division Conflict
 One of the main questions at issue, besides the Moslem League demand for Pakistan (separate Moslem state) is the Congress demand for division of Bengal and Punjab, both of which have large Hindu communities.

Dr. Rajendra Praasad, President of the Constituent Assembly, said today: "We shall not accept a division of India at all if the Moslem League does not agree to a division of Punjab and Bengal."

One of the stoutest opponents of division of Bengal, India's

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 New Zealand, 10 a.m.
 Canton (By Train), 1.30 p.m.
 Foochow and Keelung, 2 p.m.
 Shanghai, 3 p.m.
 Amoy, 3 p.m.
 Manila, 3 p.m.
 Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Lahore, Calcutta, Johore, August, Marseilles, London, New York and Canada, (Reg.) 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.
 Kowloon, 4 p.m.
 Macao, Tsinling and Shinkai, 4 p.m.
 Canton (By Train), 5 p.m.
 Bangkok, 10 a.m.
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Trade With North China Drop In Exports From H.K.

(By Margaret Bradbury)

A drop of 72 million dollars in the annual sum brought into Hong Kong from goods exported to North China will be experienced this year unless some alteration is made in the trade situation existing between the two areas.

Due to the stricter Chinese import regulations followed by the prohibition ruling of last November, Hong Kong Import and Export firms and their representatives here are steadily losing considerable sums of money.

Official comparative trade figures between the first four months of last year and this, show that on an average 8½ million dollars-worth of goods were exported from Hong Kong to North China each month compared with only 2½ million dollars-worth each month for the equivalent period this year. Total exports to North China from Hong Kong last year amounted to 104 million dollars.

Handling Costs

In an interview yesterday with the representative of a prominent import and export firm here, I was told: "China needs imports even though she is not letting the goods in. Reason why she cannot at the moment import is because her exports are not sufficient to pay for the goods, and this again results from the immense handling charges in China from the point of production to the point of completion."

"This high handling cost can only be put down to the state of corruption which exists in many parts of the country."

But although export figures for trade with North China have fallen so considerably during the past few months, exports to Central and South China have remained at a fairly high level despite the country's present restrictions.

Reason for this was explained by the manager of an Import-Export concern in the Colony who said that representatives of medium and small import firms in Shanghai who apply for import licences for goods from Hong Kong have to wait for long periods (often half a year) before their applications are approved. "This," he said, "is due to bad administration in North China because on the other hand large import companies who have 'full' with certain Government departments manage to get all the import permits they need."

Canton System

"In Canton, which is now the main receiving place for imported goods from Hong Kong, this does not arise. An importer sends in a portfolio application form not amounting to a value of more than 2,000 Hong Kong dollars and receives permission usually to import about 8,000 to 10,000 Hong Kong dollars worth a month. This applies to the average importer in Canton according to the approval rates now operating."

"Official facts show that China has now classified the goods which she needs from the out-

RADIO

ZBW, Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. and 6.30 to 11.15 p.m., and also on 952 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 7.30 to 2.00 and 9.15 to 11.15 p.m.

H.K.T. 12.30 p.m.-"Programme Summary." 12.33 p.m.-"British Weekly." 1.00 p.m.-"News, Weather, Report, etc." 1.15 p.m.-"Entertainment."

1.19 p.m.-"Orchestra Interlude."

1.19 p.m.-"Frank Grumk (Vocal) and the Rocky Mountaineers."

1.20 p.m.-"Half an Hour with Offenbach."

2.00 p.m.-"Close Down."

6.30 p.m.-"BBC Transcription Service."

"The Victory Star Show."

7.30 p.m.-"Sweet and Hot"-A Swing Program.

8.30 p.m.-"London Relay, World News."

8.30 p.m.-"London Relay, Home News from Britain."

8.30 p.m.-Studio 1 "Bring You Music."

8.30 p.m.-"Classical, Reduced Programmes presented by Lynn Fraser."

8.30 p.m.-"French Programmes."

8.30 p.m.-"Orville Coates and Music."

10.15 p.m.-"British Weekly."

10.15 p.m.-"Interlude."

10.15 p.m.-"BBC Transcription Service."

"Scotland Yard at Work," No. 10.

10.15 p.m.-"Twilight Melodies."

11.00 p.m.-"Close Down."

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